TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 116 - HB 448

March 26, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Extends the termination date of the Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board (UUDEB) to June 30, 2021. Under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, the Board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2019. Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) to conduct a study on the allocation of employees from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) to the UUDEB.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (006318, 006563): Amendment 006318 deletes and replaces language from the original bill to extend the termination date of the UUDEB to June 30, 2023; Amendment 006563 adds language to require the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention program and report its findings to the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill continues an existing entity at its current funding level.
- According to TPUC, the UUDEB's expenditures were \$289,984 in FY16-17 and \$301,143 in FY17-18.
- According to the COT, the required study can be conducted utilizing existing staff and resources and therefore will not result in any significant fiscal impact to the state.
- TACIR will accomplish the study utilizing existing staff and resources; therefore, any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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